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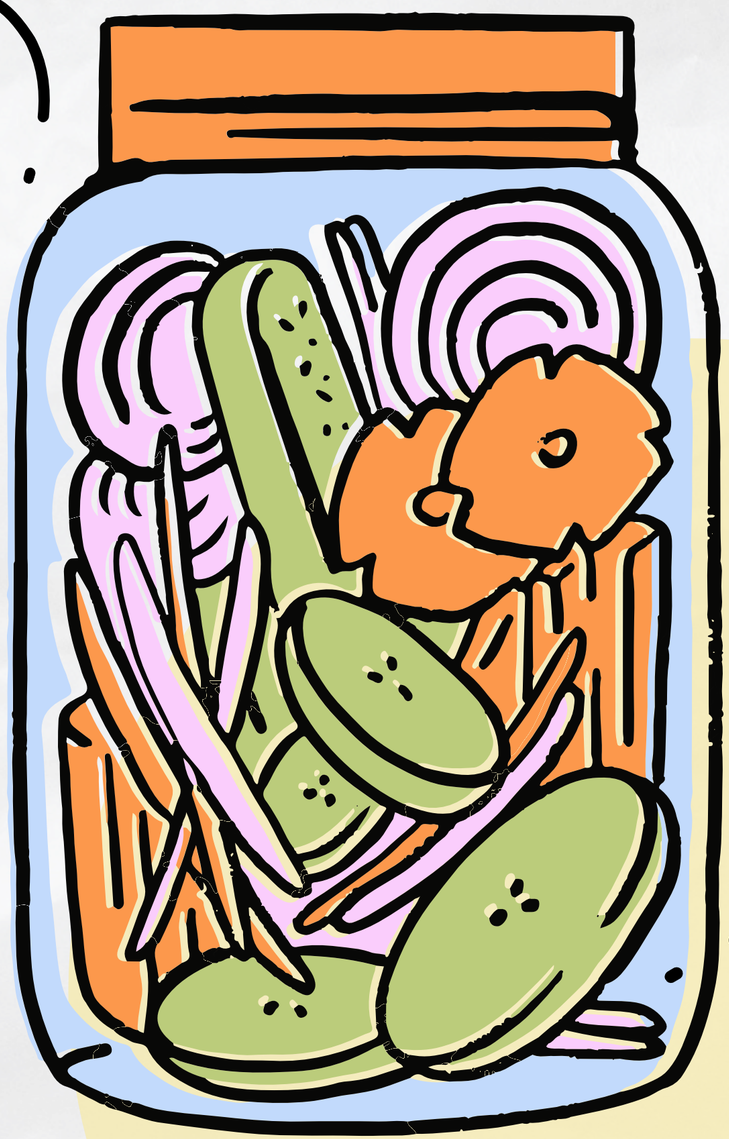
Diet During Chemotherapy: A Complete Nutrition Guide

Foods, hydration and practical nutrition tips to support the body during chemotherapy



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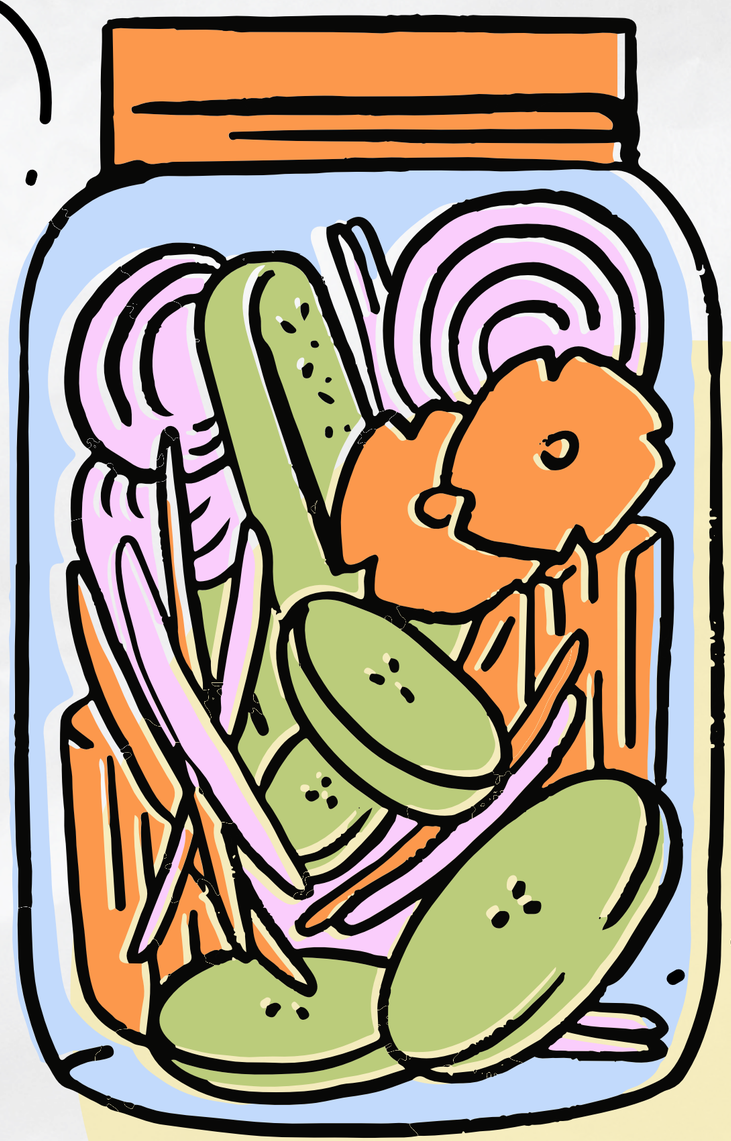
Understanding Nutrition During Chemotherapy



Chemotherapy can affect appetite, digestion, taste, smell and overall energy levels. These changes can make maintaining adequate nutrition challenging.

A supportive diet can focus on:

- Maintaining adequate calories and protein
- Staying hydrated
- Choosing foods that are easier to tolerate
- Managing treatment-related eating difficulties
- Supporting strength and overall nutritional status

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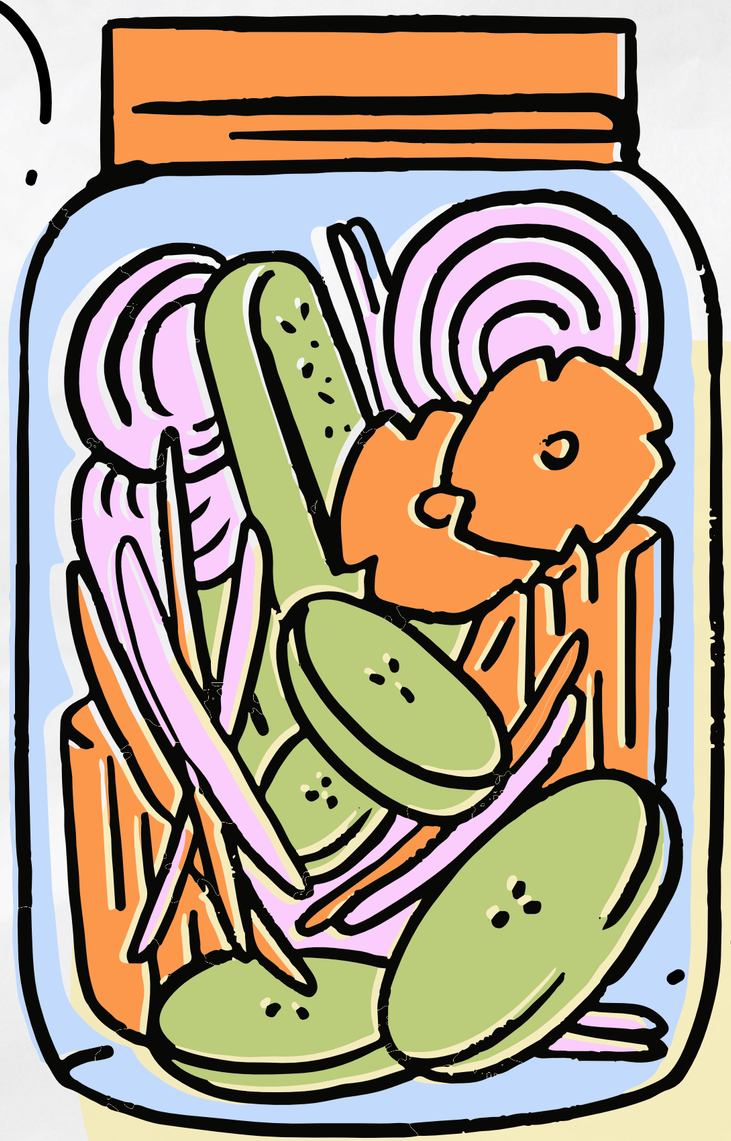
Important Nutrients During Chemotherapy



A balanced diet can include:

Protein
Helps support muscle maintenance and tissue repair.

Carbohydrates
Provide energy for daily activities and recovery.

Healthy Fats
Can provide concentrated energy when food intake is limited.

Vitamins & Minerals
Help support normal body functions.

Fluids
Adequate hydration is important, especially when appetite or food intake is reduced.

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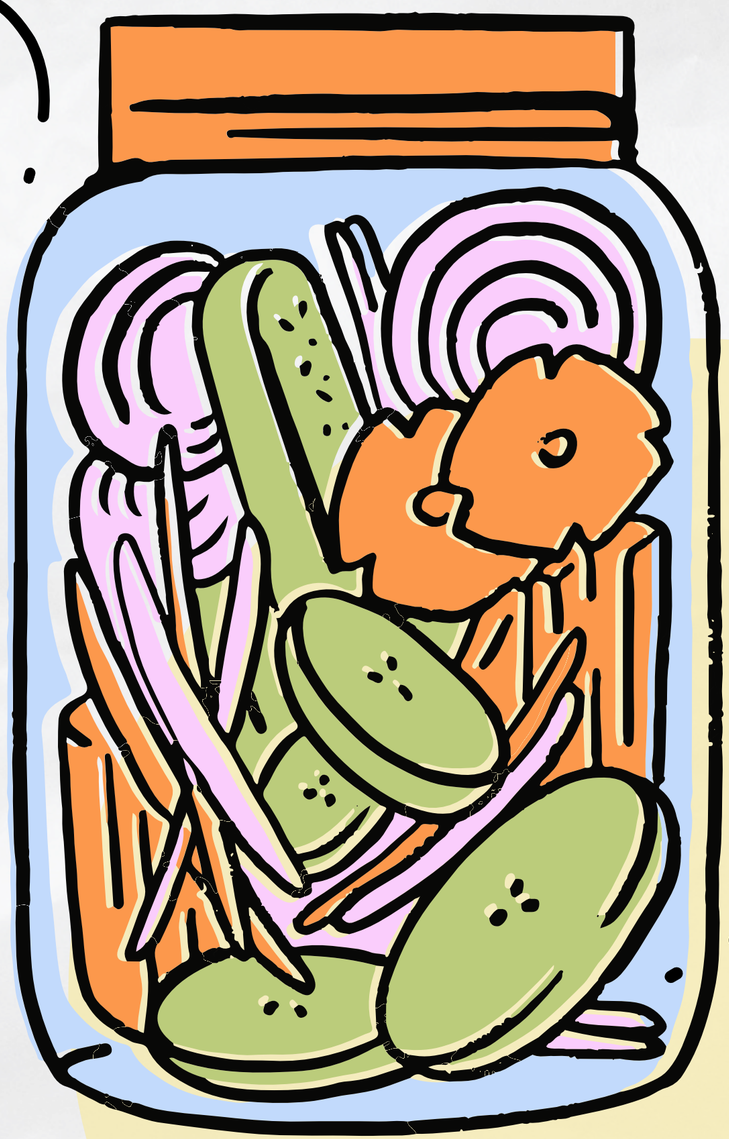
Foods That May Be Easier to Tolerate

Depending on individual tolerance, patients may consider:

- Soft-cooked rice or khichdi
- Oatmeal or porridge
- Dal and well-cooked vegetables
- Paneer or tofu
- Eggs, if tolerated
- Yogurt or curd, when suitable
- Bananas and other soft fruits
- Soups and smoothies
- Nut or seed preparations when appropriate



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Managing Common Eating Challenges

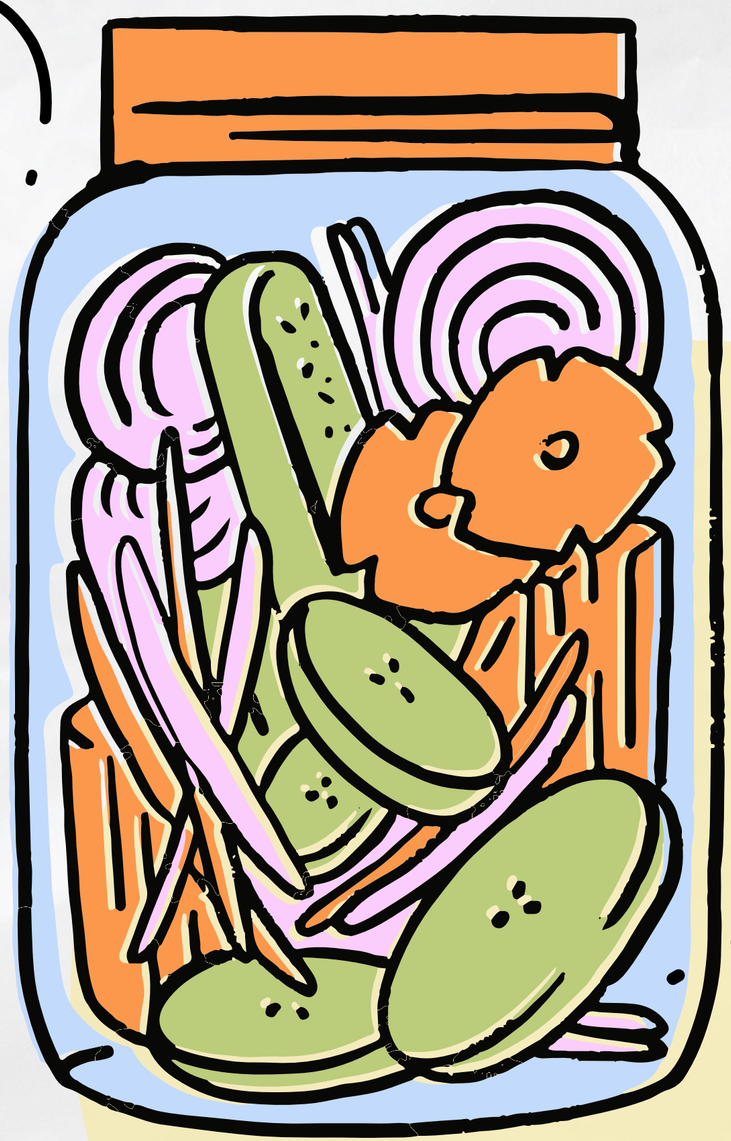
Chemotherapy may sometimes be associated with nausea, appetite changes, taste changes or mouth discomfort.

For reduced appetite:
Try smaller meals more frequently.

For taste changes:
Experiment with mild herbs, spices or different food temperatures if tolerated.

For nausea:
Choose simple foods and avoid foods or smells that trigger symptoms.

For mouth discomfort:
Soft, moist foods may be easier to consume.



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Hydration During Chemotherapy

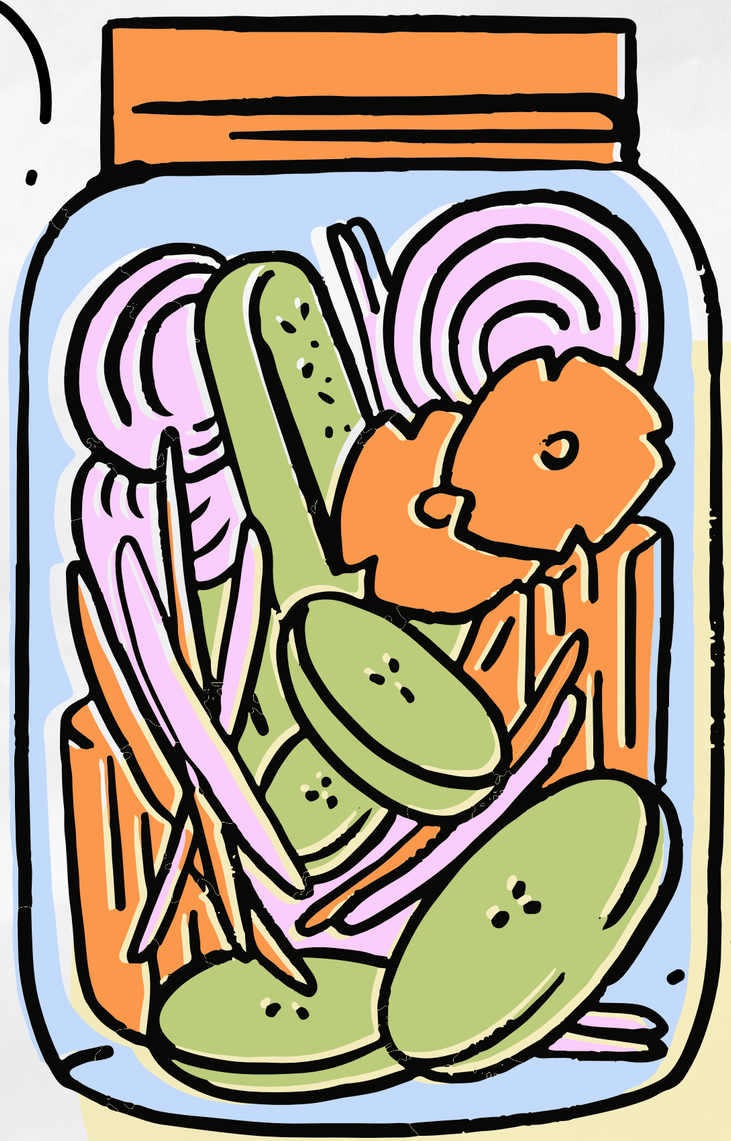
Maintaining fluid intake is an important part of nutrition care.

Possible options include:

- Water
- Coconut water, where appropriate
- Soups
- Buttermilk or suitable dairy alternatives
- Oral rehydration solutions when medically advised
- Water-rich fruits and foods

Hydration tips:

- Take fluids regularly throughout the day.
- Keep water easily accessible.
- Adjust fluid choices according to symptoms and medical advice.



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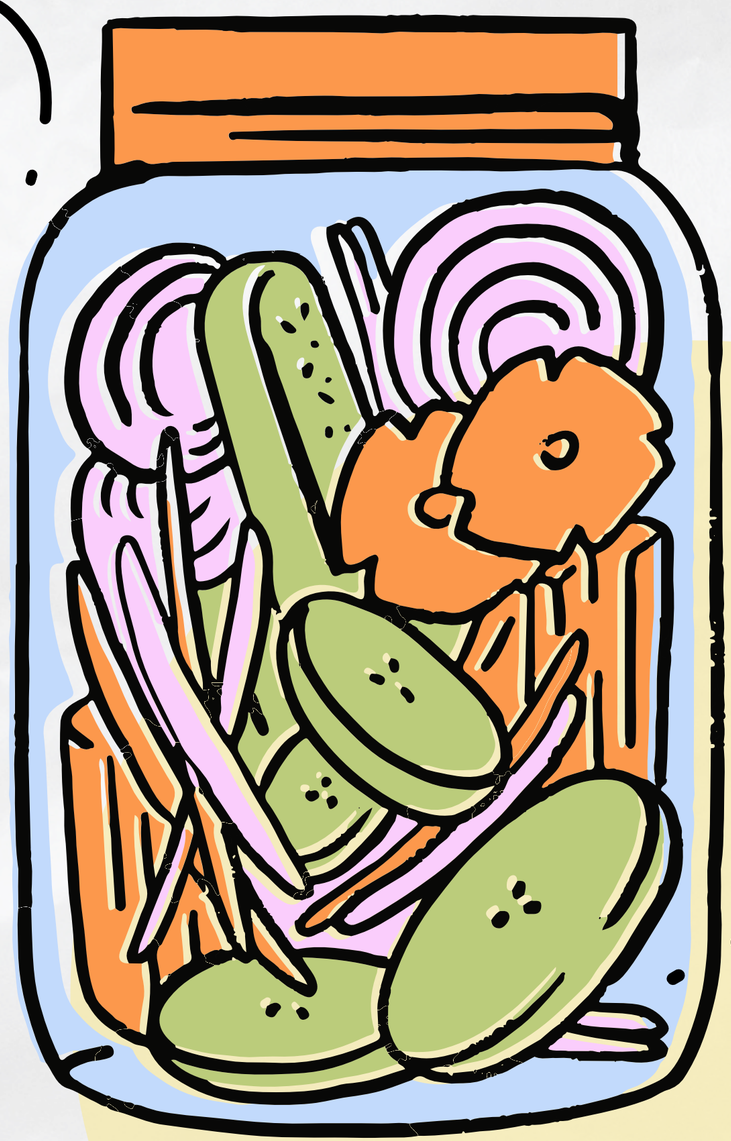
Food Safety During Chemotherapy

Food hygiene is especially important when immunity may be affected by treatment.

Follow safe food practices:

- Wash fruits and vegetables properly.
- Cook foods thoroughly.
- Keep raw and cooked foods separate.
- Use clean utensils and cooking surfaces.
- Store food safely.
- Avoid unhygienic or improperly prepared food.



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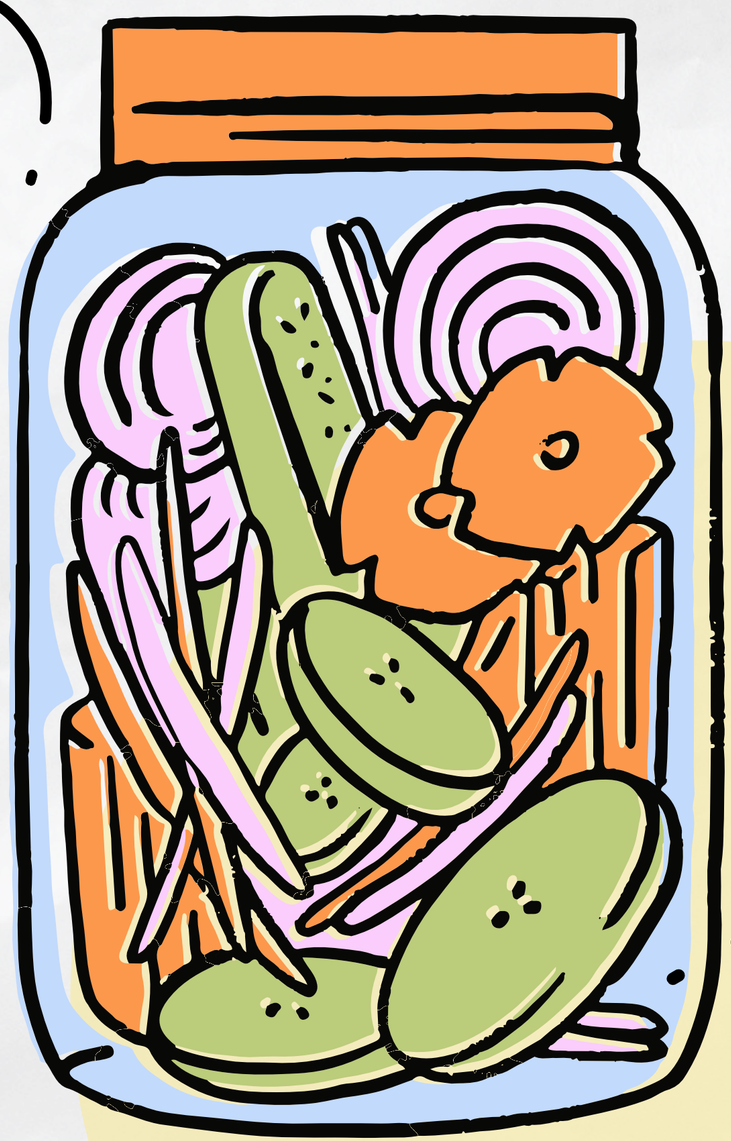
Why Personalized Nutrition Matters

There is no single diet that works for every person undergoing chemotherapy.

Nutrition planning may depend on:

- Type and stage of cancer
- Treatment protocol
- Current weight and nutritional status
- Appetite and food tolerance
- Treatment-related side effects
- Existing health conditions
- Cultural and dietary preferences

Personalized nutrition support can help address changing nutritional needs during treatment.



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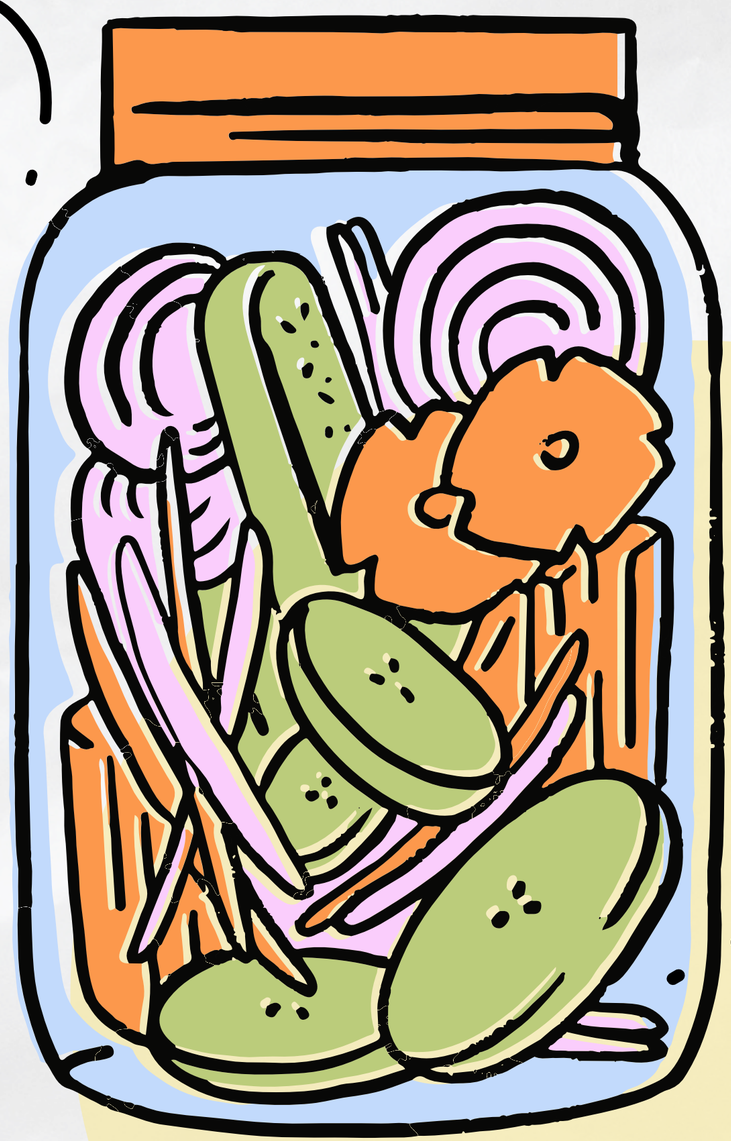
When to Seek Professional Nutrition Guidance

Professional guidance may be useful when a patient experiences:

- Significant weight loss
- Persistent poor appetite
- Difficulty eating or drinking
- Repeated nausea or vomiting
- Difficulty swallowing
- Persistent diarrhea or constipation
- Severe weakness or fatigue
- Difficulty meeting protein or calorie requirements

A qualified nutrition professional can assess individual needs and develop an appropriate nutrition plan.



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Conclusion & Website Links

Good nutrition during chemotherapy is about maintaining adequate nourishment, hydration and food safety while adapting meals to individual symptoms and tolerance.

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